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Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with light and variable winds, changing gradually to northwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, it will be hazy, with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	Low	High
Amman	15	26
Aqaba	21	33
Deserts	14	26
Jordan Valley	23	33

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 29, Aqaba 35. Humidity readings: Amman 25 per cent, Aqaba 25 per cent.

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O director ives for talks

AMN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — General of the Arab Liberation Organisation Alim Al Banani arrived today for a three-day visit. Mr. Banani will hold talks with officials at the Ministry on the implementation of resolutions of the Arab League conference in Tripoli last year. Among the topics discussed are the freedom of unions and their rights, dialogues between employers and employees and agreements on trade. Mr. Banani is currently in a number of Arab countries which are members of the Arab Labour Organisation.

fat returns in Asia, pares for scow talks

AMN, Oct. 17 (R) — The Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat returned today from an Asian tour which took to China, North Korea, and Vietnam and prepare to leave tomorrow for Moscow. Mr. Arafat spent three days in the Soviet Union at the head of a five-man team, the PLO paper Falastin Al Thawra reported. It said the visit was aimed to achieve tangible political and military results. It included raising the diplomatic status of the PLO in Moscow and providing arms and military equipment to the Palestinian refugee camps.

midt back in hospital

AMN, Oct. 17 — (R) West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was discharged from hospital today, four days after being fitted with a heart maker, a government spokesman said. The chancellor was fitted with the device on Tuesday, a day he was taken to hospital after a heart attack. It was said to be a serious one.

an: 'We have intentions to attack Libya'

AMN, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Sudan has no intentions of attacking Libya and is acquiring only for "defensive purposes," the official Sudanese news agency SUNA said today. "The current measures are only for defence and the arms Sudan will obtain from the United States are defensive as long as Sudan had or a long time ago," the agency said. It also said that the Sudanese government has no intention of attacking Libya "or any other country" and called on the Arab League to stop its aggression and pull troops and equipment from the Sudan and respect internal agreements and resolutions, according to SUNA.

at reports vary over Mario Front

AMN, Oct. 17 (R) — An Italian source said today that forces had retaken a strong-point of Guelta after the biggest battle of the six-year war in the Sahara against guerrillas of the Polisario Front. The source said mopping-up operations were now in progress and guerrilla survivors were fleeing towards the Moroccan frontier. 40 Italian troops were east of the town. The source gave no details of the number of troops killed or wounded in the battle since the Polisario launched its fight for independence of the Spanish colony.

Doctors urge 'new page' in Iraqi-Iranian relations

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — More than 1,000 Arab doctors warned today of the "grave dangers" inherent in the continuation of the Iraqi-Iranian war and called on the Tehran government to "open a new page" in its relations with Baghdad. A statement at the end of the 19th pan-Arab Medical Congress said participants in the three-day annual meeting "warn of the grave dangers resulting from the continuation (of the Gulf war), which will introduce to the region foreign and imperialist intervention under the guise of maintaining the security and stability of the Arabian Gulf and guaranteeing the flow of oil" from the region.

The doctors, who represent medical associations in 12 Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, also warned that the 13-month old Gulf war "can produce a rupture in those forces confronting the (alliance) of the Zionist enemy and the partners to Camp David." They called on Iran to "open a new page in Iraqi-Iranian relations, based on mutual respect for the rights of both sides and non-interference in the internal affairs of either side and finding a formula for cooperation between them to face imperialism and

Zionism." The doctors, who "emphasise their support for Iraq in its quest to regain its legitimate rights to its waters and territory," called on Iran to "restore to Arab sovereignty" the three tiny Gulf islands of Abu Musa, Lesser Tunb and Greater Tunb, which the late Shah of Iran occupied in 1971. The statement condemned Israel's attack last June on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, which came "in implementation of the imperialist-Zionist policy of checking the progress of the Arabs and keeping them prisoner to scientific, social and economic backwardness." The statement said the congress, sponsored by the Arab Medical Union and the Jordan Medical Association, denounced "repeated Iranian attacks, on Kuwaiti territory." The congress agreed that the United States and Israel constitute the Arab nation's "enemy number one," and called for "the economic and cultural boycott of the United States by all means available," according to the statement. It said the recently-announced "strategic cooperation" between the United States and Israel

King leaves for talks with Arab leaders

BAGHDAD, Oct. 17 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived in Baghdad today at the start of a tour of Arab states to discuss with their leaders the Arab situation, current developments and inter-Arab relations. King Hussein was met at the airport by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, senior government officials and members of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council and cabinet members. The King is accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and Court Minister Amer Khammash. They were seen off at Amman Airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Al Tarawneh, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, ambassadors of Arab countries accredited to Jordan and several senior officials and high-ranking army officers. Before the King's departure, Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent. A royal decree was issued also appointing Finance Minister Salem Massa'deh as Acting Prime Minister.



His Majesty King Hussein is seen off at Amman Airport Saturday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and (from left to right) Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Amer Khammash, and Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi (Petra photo)

U.S. credibility is at stake, Reagan defends Saudi deal

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (R) — President Reagan says that Senate approval for the sale of American radar planes to Saudi Arabia is essential if the United States is to maintain its credibility in the Middle East. In an interview with newspaper editors issued by the White House today, the president said he was confident that the Senate would approve the sale of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft to the Saudis. He praised Saudi Arabia for helping to arrange a ceasefire in Lebanon this summer and for its leadership in the Arab World. "Now, this is what leads us to believe that with that kind of leadership and position in the Arab World that if we go forward with this AWACS deal, that we will have further strengthened our credibility with them and our peace-making ability in the Middle East," Mr. Reagan said. "If we don't, I believe we could lose all credibility and what could I say in trying to negotiate with them in the future? They could say we don't know whether anything you tell us is right because you may not be able to deliver."

"I'm confident (of victory in the Senate)," Mr. Reagan said. "I think we're going to get it because there are a number of them (senators) that have expressed themselves that regardless of their own personal feelings, they are concerned about interfering with the foreign policy effort that we're putting forth because we see this as very definitely a part of our ability to help in the peace-making process over in the Middle East, that the Saudi Arabians are very key to this." At least 53 of the 100 senators are believed to oppose the AWACS sale, but Mr. Reagan has been lobbying hard in recent days and is gaining some votes. He said the Palestinian issue remained central to Middle East peace but repeated the U.S. position that there would be no negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) until it recognised Israel.

Delegation leaves for Moscow. In another development, Tehran Radio said a delegation headed by the housing minister was going to Moscow for talks "on technical cooperation with Soviet officials." The radio gave no further details. The Moscow trip coincides with a visit to Tehran by a Soviet delegation of 26 specialists who are studying "Iran after the revolution," according to Iran's news media.

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LONDON, Oct. 17 (R) — The chief of Britain's Royal Marines, who had commanded troops in Northern Ireland, was badly wounded by a bomb which blew up his car outside his London home today. In Dublin, the Irish Republican Army (IRA) claimed responsibility for the attack on Lt. Gen. Sir Stuart Pringle, 53, commandant-general of the Royal Marines. He suffered serious leg injuries. Guerrillas of the IRA are fighting British rule in Northern Ireland in the cause of union with the neighbouring Irish Republic. The blast came only a week after the guerrillas admitted bombing a bus load of soldiers in London, killing two people. Police said the bomb in Gen. Pringle's car appeared to be similar to one used by Republican guerrillas in 1979 to kill Conservative Party Member of Parliament Airey Neave. The bomb ripped the roof off Sir Stuart's car as he drove off. A woman in a nearby house was injured. But the general's dog, with him in the car, was unharmed. An eyewitness said Gen. Pringle was still conscious when he was taken to hospital "but his legs were smashed and he was bleeding from the head." Sir Stuart also served in Malaysia, the Mediterranean, Indonesia, Pakistan and Norway since 1946. Police have been expecting an upsurge of guerrilla activity in Britain since a campaign of hunger strikes by imprisoned Republicans in Northern Ireland ended three weeks ago. Ten men fasted to death in support of demands for political status. Meanwhile in Northern Ireland, a car blew up 30 minutes earlier in the parking lot of a golf course in Newcastle, County Down, south of Belfast. A police spokesman said one man was slightly hurt.

Iran wants Muslim world to unite under Khomeini. BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (Agencies) — Iran today celebrated an important Shiite Muslim day by holding prayers across the country. "Eid Ghadir, as the Iranians call it, is the day that the Prophet Muhammad designated his son-in-law Ali as his successor to lead the Muslims. In a call to Muslims of the world to unite under the same banner, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, considered Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's heir-apparent, said all Muslims should accept Ayatollah Khomeini's leadership, according to Tehran Radio. Ayatollah Montazeri said he hoped that the Muslims would unite under Ayatollah Khomeini's leadership to "break the hold of the East and West on their countries." He said he hoped the Muslim masses would soon achieve freedom and independence through establishing fundamentalist Islamic rule in their countries. Tehran Radio quoted Ayatollah Montazeri as saying that "the enemies of Islam wanted to separate religion from politics." He said that true Islam does not separate religion from politics.

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Interior minister cannot remember how many Cairo hauls in 'most of those wanted'

CAIRO, Oct. 17 (Agencies) — More than 1,500 Islamic fundamentalists and other dissidents have been arrested since the assassination of President Anwar Sadat, according to military and diplomatic sources. Interior Minister Nabawi Ismail confirmed today that there had been a "limited" number of arrests, but refused to disclose figures. "I don't remember now," Mr. Ismail told reporters. "We hear some rumours, but don't believe it at all. I'll declare the full details within two days." Trouble in Mansoura. Police sources in Cairo said there had been shooting incidents involving police in the Nile Delta city of Mansoura last night and this morning, but that the details were not known. The sources said the incidents were reminiscent of initial clashes in the southern city of Asyut last week. Mr. Ismail said of the nationwide sweep for persons considered a threat to the nation's internal security that "most of those we've wanted have been arrested. There are still a minority on the run, but not many... They have begun to turn... we have found their hideouts, their dens, and arms and weapons."

Sadat's list is reference. One military source, who refused to be named, said most of the new arrests were on a list of 7,000 fundamentalists whom Mr. Sadat threatened with arrest last month in his last public speech. In the Sept. 5 speech, the late president said security men had picked up nearly 1,600 alleged ringleaders of a wave of fundamentalist violence, and the 7,000 others would be picked up in case of further trouble. The source said the new arrests have more than doubled the number of fundamentalists rounded up last month. Khaled Mohiuddin, secretary general of the NFPUP, said the new arrests brought the number of party members now detained to about 200. Another leftist politician who asked not to be identified said "before the assassination, the police tried to get the known leaders of dissident groups. Now, they are simply arresting anyone they suspect." The authorities sharply stepped up security at Cairo airport and around the embassies in the wake of two parcel bombs which exploded in a Maltese airliner arriving from Libya earlier in the week, killing one baggage handler and reportedly injuring a dozen other airport employees. Air travellers arriving from abroad said security men were searching baggage not only for concealed weapons, but also were confiscating all non-Egyptian Arabic newspapers brought into Egypt. Campuses reported quiet. Cairo University, Egypt's biggest campus, was quiet when classes resumed today. A newly-established university police force checked identity cards and there was no sign of girl students in veils. Campus authorities have talked of outlawing veils and galabiyas, the traditional robes that have become a virtual uniform for the fundamentalists. Hundreds of students appeared to have obeyed instructions to shave off their beards.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Libya ready to counter Sudanese threat. BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (R) — A Libyan journalist said today his country was ready to defend itself against a threatened suicide attack by 600 Sudanese commandos. The Egyptian newspaper Al Ahran quoted Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri yesterday as saying that the force would attack Tripoli. The political editor of the official Libyan news agency JANA said: "Let the ruler of Sudan try and come over with his suicide squad only to be burned to death and turned to ashes..." Libya would not let the force enter its territory, he added. Al Ahran said it was told by the Sudanese leader that the commando group would leave its mark in Tripoli "and even in the house of (Libyan leader Muammar) Qadhafi." Moi appeals to Libya, Sudan for restraint. NAIROBI, Oct. 17 (R) — Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), appealed to Libya today to exercise restraint in its relations with Sudan. Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has accused Libya of planning to invade his country. Last month Sudan shot down a Libyan aircraft near its border with Chad. In a message released here President Moi said: "It is in the interest of Africa that all necessary avenues for the resolution of this conflict must be explored fully and at any cost." President Moi also sent a message to President Numeiri urging restraint in Sudan's dealings with Libya. Nixon calls for U.S. aid to Rabat. RABAT, Oct. 17 (R) — Former U.S. president Richard Nixon called for increased U.S. military aid to Morocco today after talks with King Hassan. He told a news conference in the central Moroccan town of Fez that Rabat should get extra aid considering its long-standing friendly relations with the United States. "I think that as long as his majesty and the Moroccan government feel the need to defend the country's territorial integrity the United States ought to assist them," he said. Mr. Nixon, quoted by the Moroccan press agency MAP, had been asked about a missile attack on Moroccan planes last Tuesday by Polisario guerrillas who are fighting for independence in the disputed Western Sahara. Mr. Nixon, who left for Paris after a 36-hour visit to Morocco, said he had discussed the Western Sahara, the Middle East and East-West relations with the king at Ifrane near Fez. Meloy's murder suspect released. BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (R) — A young Lebanese was released from detention today after being held for nearly three years on suspicion of involvement in the murder of an American ambassador to Beirut in 1976, judicial sources said. The sources said investigators could not establish any link between Bassam Mohammad Ferkh and the murder of Ambassador Francis Meloy. Mr. Meloy, Economic Counsellor Robert Waring and their Lebanese driver were kidnapped on June 16, 1976, during the Lebanese civil war. They were all found shot dead the same day. The next day the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) announced that it had arrested three unnamed Lebanese who had admitted taking part in the murder. It said they would be handed over to Arab peace-keeping forces in Lebanon, but their fate was never disclosed. Mr. Ferkh, who is now 27, was detained here in November 1978 after being deported from Canada as an undesirable alien.

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ART REVIEW

Two artists of promise

By Meg Abu Hamdan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Oct. 17 — Two new art exhibitions opened in Amman this week, and although the styles of the two artists differ widely — from the romantic fantasies of Munir Daraz to the impressionistic landscapes of Yousef Baddawi — both of them are young men of some promise.

Munir Daraz, with five years' artistic studies in his native Egypt behind him, is the more developed of the two. His work often shows a certain dexterous technical ability, seen especially in the sensitive portrayals (self portraits perhaps?) of serious, hauntingly sad young men whose features emerge from clouds of golden mist.

As with de Chirico, whose influence is much in evidence in this young artist's work — from the classical torsos to Corinthian columns — Daraz's style bridges the gap between romantic fantasy and surrealism. But unlike de Chirico, Daraz does not capture the numbing emptiness of the silent piazzas, where long evening shadows add to the sense of isolation. Instead his canvases are full to the bursting point with imagery and raw colours.

Faces in bright hues of orange, red, blue and green flow into one another by means of strands of long Raphaelesque hair — an image the artist uses repeatedly. Figures embrace and faces — often featureless, like de Chirico's mannequins — abound. The best pieces, however, are the more subtly coloured, more finely rendered paintings, where certain corners of well painted faces, often combined with the brilliant red, blues and whites of airmail letters and road traffic signs, dominate the whole canvas. Perhaps if the artist could make more of these strong elements he would have something very original on his hands.

Yousef Baddawi is a graduate of Amman's Centre for Music and Fine Art, where his work in the past often outshone that of his contemporaries, with his fine pen-and-ink drawings of the faces

of his countrymen and with small brilliant blue prints of the blocky houses of his environment. However, in this, his first solo exhibition, he does not — except in three of his oils and some of his sketches — fulfill the promise of these early pieces.

This is easily explained. First, Baddawi is a young artist still trying to find his own style, and this is what the paintings on show indicate clearly, with their rather wild, uncontrolled application of both water colour and oil paint. There is nothing wrong in this, except that Baddawi should not be exhibiting on his own yet. He should continue to exhibit as he did before — showing only his best pieces in the group situation — thus biding his time and building up his reputation until he has enough good pieces for a solo exhibition.

The studies that we see at this present exhibition, these prolific outpourings — which are totally necessary for the development of an enthusiastic young artist — should be kept by the artist to learn from.

This is not to discourage Baddawi, only to ask him to wait until all his paintings are as good as "Village on the Top", where subtle tones of orange and yellow emanate light — something which he captures so well in the "Farmer" and the almost abstract "Volcano".

Yousef Baddawi's work can be seen at the Holiday Inn until Thursday, while the Munir Daraz exhibition runs until the same day at the Jordan Artists' Association. Both artists are also exhibiting some of their best pieces at the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts, starting on Wednesday.

Advertisement for art exhibitions in Arabic. Title: تحت رعاية سمو الاميرة وجدان. Artists: رابطة الفنانين التشكيليين, قديم معروض, الفنان المصري منير دراز. Includes a portrait of a man and a small photo of a woman.

French tennis stars to swing their racquets for handicapped

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A taste of Wimbledon will come to Al Hussein Youth City (Sports City) for three days, starting Wednesday Oct. 21, when four French tennis stars play friendly and demonstration matches in aid of handicapped Jordanians.

The team represents the French Tennis Federation, and one aim of their visit is to help the young Jordan Tennis Federation foster national interest in the game. All revenues from the events will go to assist the Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped.

On Wednesday, their first day on the Sports City centre court, the guest players will be engaged in training sessions with junior Jordan Federation players currently under training. Thursday will see them engaged in friendly matches with the three members of the Jordanian team in men's and women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, starting at 2.30 p.m.

The third and last day of the tournament will be attended by their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, and will witness exhibition matches among the French players themselves. These include ladies' and men's singles and mixed doubles. Jordanian juniors will also play among themselves in mixed doubles and men's singles.

The originator of the scheme is Mrs. Michele Harel, wife of the French ambassador to Jordan, who is an avid tennis player. Upon the suggestion of the president of the Jordan Tennis Federation, Dr. Muwaffaq Al Fawwaz, and Her Highness Princess Majda, president of the Hussein Society, Mrs. Harel approached the French federation, whose vice president came to visit Jordan and responded with great enthusiasm.

Mrs. Harel told the Jordan Times that the four players to visit Jordan were chosen by the president of the French federation for their style and their pleasant personalities in addition to their high ranking in the tennis world.

One member of the guest team who stands out is Mrs. Francoise Durr, 39, who starred at the famous British Wimbledon tournament frequently between 1965 and 1979. Although she now has

her own tennis school in the United States, she continues to be a tennis symbol in France.

The other three players are also prominent in the world of French tennis. Mr. Alain Cassaigne, 32, was the French junior champion at 16, and is now the French women's teams' official trainer.

Mr. Francis Boyer, 26, won the Cote d'Azur junior championship in 1970 and the cup of Candalez in doubles in 1979, while Miss Ariane Feraud-Prax, 24, this year won the mixed doubles at the Criterium de France.

Their host, the Jordan Tennis Federation, is a young organisation of only two years' standing, but which aspires, with experience, to enter into international competitions.

Mrs. Maureen Staffa, Mr. Hani Al Ali and Mr. Abdullah Al Khalil, three Jordanian team

members, will be engaged in friendly matches with the Jordanians on Thursday.

The junior members of the federation have been getting the class training from Mrs. Staffa, professional tennis coach, who has given her services voluntarily. Nasri Atallah, a federation member and a tennis player for years, told the Jordan Times that the federation now "has some very promising young players of both sexes".

This summer, six of the training and their coach visited the U.S. on the invitation of American tennis clubs, which offered their coaches for training.

Tickets for the tournament are sold for each day at the gate to the centre court of Sports City, but blanket tickets can also be obtained, allowing admission all three days of the tournament.

Advertisement for International Tennis Matches. Includes logo, text in Arabic and English, and a photo of a tennis player. Text: تحت رعاية سمو الاميرة وجدان, القاءات الدولية بالنس للاراضي.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Pakistan envoy appointed

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A royal decree was issued today...

Tangiers anti-crime conference

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation left for...

Jerash housing planned

BID, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Housing Corporation has decided...

Jordanian dies on Saudi road

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AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Jordanian-Bahraini relations are...

Photographic history conference set

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Jordan has received an invitation...

Maritime training discussed

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Education Ministry opens hotel school

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Ministry of Education's first...

Jurists' association gathers

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The general assembly of the...

Arab library education seminar

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Jordan will take part in a seminar...

Baghdad labour training course

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Industry...

Deir Alla children's centre

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AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — Nine Jordanian merchants have...

1,000 pilgrims a day to cross into West Bank

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A total of 1,000 Muslim pilgrims...

It said that the bridges will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

World Bank President Clausen due for four-day Jordan visit

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — The president of the World Bank...



Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin addresses the seminar...

Seminar on fruit production in the Arab World inaugurated

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A five-day seminar to discuss means...

Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin called on Arab agricultural...

Philip Nuseir, director of the horticultural section of ACDRAT...

WHAT'S GOING ON

Archaeology Field trip

* To Qasr Al Hallabat, led by Dr. Ghazi Bisheh...

Film

* The French Cultural Centre presents "Quelque Part...

Painting exhibitions

* By Yousef Baddawi at Holiday Inn Hotel.

Book exhibition

* The British Council presents a selection of recent British books...

Church service

* Sunday, 8 a.m.: Holy Communion; and 12 noon, morning service...

ARE YOU...

Staging a play? Putting on a concert? Delivering a lecture?

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He said that the board will also plan the federation's seminars and meetings for the next year...

During his stay in Kuwait, Mr. Khasawneh will hold talks with Arab Maritime Company officials...

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Social Security Corporation Director General Farhi 'Ubeid addresses a press conference...

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Delhi envoy accredited to Thailand

NEW DELHI, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — Jordanian Ambassador to India Walid Al Durra yesterday presented his credentials to King Bhumipol Adulyadej of Thailand...

During the presentation ceremony, King Bhumipol requested Mr. Durra to convey his greetings to His Majesty King Hussein and the Jordanian people...

CAEU budget panel meets

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A committee of experts from eight Arab states charged with drawing up the 1982 budget of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) opened a three-day meeting in Amman today.

The CAEU Deputy Secretary General Nasouh Al Barghouti, who opened the meeting, noted to the outstanding aspects of the budget, which include among other things several research projects intended to promote the CAEU's general goals.

Countries represented on the committee include: the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Libya, North Yemen and South Yemen.

Swiss team due

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (Petra) — A Swiss trade delegation is due here on Friday for a two-day visit to Jordan.

Its members will meet with officials at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Central Bank, the Royal Scientific Society, the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce and the Amman Chamber of Industry for talks aimed at boosting trade and industrial cooperation between Jordan and Switzerland.

Industrial fair to start at Yarmouk on Nov. 21

AMMAN, Oct. 17 (J.T.) — Over 170 Jordanian industrial establishments and several government organisations have so far signed up for an industrial fair to begin at Yarmouk University on Nov. 21, according to Amman Chamber of Industry Director Ali Dajani.

Mr. Dajani told the Jordan Times today that more industries are still joining the list for the week-long fair, which will be held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein as part of the activities marking the King's birthday.

He said the fair — the first of its kind to be held outside Amman — is part of an effort on the part of the Chamber of Industry and other bodies to introduce our industry as widely as possible to our people...

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The system of fuel production in Brazil: sugarcane to alcohol

Brazil is well on its way to running all its cars on alcohol produced from sugarcane. But Jose Lutzenberger, the nation's leading environmentalist, believes this programme will spread malnutrition, landlessness, poverty and blight across the nation. The programme will benefit Brazil, he believes, only if it is decentralised.

Early this year, Brazil was producing four billion litres (1.1 billion U.S. gallons) of alcohol yearly from 2.5 million hectares (6.1 million acres) of sugarcane. Some 250,000 all-alcohol cars are being built a year, or one car for every 480 Brazilians.

When the PROALCOOL programme finally replaces all trans-

port fuel with alcohol, some nine million hectares will be under sugarcane, or about one-fifth of the nation's arable land.

"PROALCOOL was originally conceived by the sugar barons of Sao Paulo and the northeast," Lutzenberger told a recent energy seminar here. The northeastern sugar plantations have already driven peasants from the land into the big city slums, offering those that remain only arduous, seasonal work for a few months a year at what are virtually starvation wages.

The Commission Pastoral de Terra, a Brazilian Catholic Church organisation, also warns against the proletarianisation of

poor Brazilians on huge sugarcane plantations under PROALCOOL. It urges the government to plan small, decentralised alcohol distilleries, a programme Lutzenberger also favours. But Lutzenberger warned that growing fuel will inevitably replace growing food. Despite the richness of its soil, Brazil already imports its staple food, black beans, as well as powdered milk from the Common Market and meat from Uruguay.

Brazilian agriculture Minister Amaury Stabile promises that the government will not risk "having to import food to drive our cars." Lutzenberger replies that the cars are owned only by the affluent one-fifth of the population.

The very nature of PROALCOOL, said Lutzenberger, means huge land-clearing projects, such as the Fazenda Bodoquena project in Mato Grosso do Sul which is putting 1,700 square kilometres under sugarcane. This required levelling the same area of a rare forest ecosystem by pulling down the trees and setting them ablaze -- and all this to produce far less than one per cent of the nation's fuel needs.

Such large "monocultures" (areas of only one crop) will need huge doses of chemical fertilisers and insecticides, and there have already been reports of mercury poisonings of sugarcane field hands from mercury insecticides, according to Lutzenberger.

The massive landclearing will add to erosion problems, especially when the projects have to be abandoned as, over the years, they use up the soil's nutrients.

"Entire communities of plants and animals are being irrevocably lost," said Lutzenberger. "In their place are being planted vast monocultures, which are inher-

ently unstable. Most don't last five years and require massive doses of biocides and fertilisers that pollute rivers and lakes and kill wildlife."

The distilleries discharge 10-16 litres of effluent water for every litre of alcohol produced, and if this untreated "stillage" is emptied directly into a river it can kill all life there.

After some cases of large fish kills, the Brazilian government now claims that river pollution from PROALCOOL is completely under control. American engineers who have visited Brazilian distilleries say there are still isolated cases of discharge into rivers, and Lutzenberger said that such dumping is still common throughout the nation.

All this aside, alcohol cannot by itself solve Brazil's fuel problems. The nation has few railways, so almost all goods are transported by trucks which run on diesel. And while alcohol can be used instead of gasoline in cars it cannot be substituted for diesel. When diesel is made from imported crude in Brazil's refineries, gasoline must also be produced due to the nature of the refining process.

"Brazil is exporting gasoline made from imported crude. We will have to export more gasoline or export alcohol, or both. It sometimes seems as if this was the real aim of the programme," Lutzenberger said. However, diesel could be replaced with certain vegetable oils, he added, and Brazil is actively growing sunflower and other oil crops. Jose Lutzenberger is suspicious of the motives behind the alcohol programme, which he believes will benefit big business rather than the people.

Changing from a diesel truck fleet to an alcohol fleet would be

wonderful for the automotive industry which would build the new vehicles, but would ruin the tens of thousands of private truckers who haul the nation's goods and who would not be able to afford the switch, Lutzenberger

argued. Despite all of this, Lutzenberger is not against Brazil's producing its fuel from sugarcane. But he wants the programme decentralised. At present all the alcohol is produced centrally in

big distilleries, and small-scale production is discouraged.

"There need be no energy crisis in a country the size of Brazil, but we do have a crisis in our models," Lutzenberger said.

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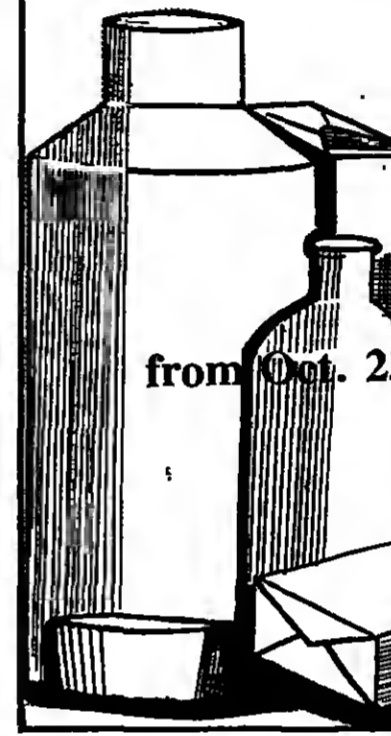
The first cars running on alcohol at the Furnas Hydroelectric plant, Brazil. (Photos by GAMMA)

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ECONOMY

\$3b Arab insurance group inaugurated

BAHRAIN, Oct. 17 (R) — A new three billion dollar Arab Insurance Group (ARIG), set up by Libya, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, will be run on commercial and not political basis, its Chairman Fawzi Musaad Al Saleh said today.

"There is no place for politics in ARIG business," he told a press conference after the company's formal inauguration attended by Bahrain Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

Western insurance firms have said that the ARIG's formation was prompted by a decision—later reversed under Arab protest—of Lloyd's of London in 1979 to impose war risk premium on ships entering the Gulf.

Lloyd's Chairman Peter Green, invited for the inauguration, told Reuters ARIG posed a competition to the whole Western world.

"But it is nice to see a new company which has been set up with

plenty of capital behind it. This, I think, is necessary today because the risks are getting so big," he said.

Mr. Saleh said in his inaugural speech that ARIG, based in Bahrain, was committed to promoting better understanding with the world insurance community and would hold an international conference each year to eliminate common problems through exchange of views.

Insurance business volume in the Gulf was growing, Mr. Saleh said, adding that ARIG's services would be badly needed when the West was through with its economic recession.

He said ARIG decided on the three billion dollar capital "to back up our word with a huge capital and to build up a tradition of meeting claims."

Reagan, Mitterrand to meet before summit

PARIS, Oct. 17 (R) — President Francois Mitterrand left today for the United States for talks with President Reagan before they meet other world leaders at an economic summit in Mexico next week.

The talks in Williamsburg, Virginia, are sure to focus on the strongest point of accord shared by the Socialist French leader and the conservative American — their belief in the threat from an expansionist Soviet Union.

But in preparing for the North-South summit in Cancun,

Mexico, they are certain to differ sharply over Third World aid and policy towards leftist guerrilla movements in Latin America.

France is expected to side broadly with developing nations at the Cancun summit while the U.S. is likely to resist Third World calls for a new world economic order.

Mr. Mitterrand has pledged France to give greater economic aid to Third World countries and has called on other industrial nations to follow suit. But Mr. Reagan said recently that private investment was the best approach.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

OPEC aides to attend Cancun summit

CANCUN, Mexico, Oct. 17 (R) — Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, will attend next week's summit between rich and poor nations in this Mexican resort, the Saudi ambassador to Mexico has announced.

Ambassador Mohamed Charara told Reuters last night that separate talks with other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) attending the conference could not be ruled out. He would not elaborate.

The other OPEC countries due to arrive here for the October 22 and 23 meeting are Algeria, Nigeria and Venezuela. The OPEC President, Dr. Subroto of Indonesia, is also expected.

OPEC countries are divided over how much to charge the world for their oil and are not expected to reach agreement before their next full meeting on December 9 in Abu Dhabi.

Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said in Caracas on Wednesday it was possible a special meeting of the 13 OPEC members would be held as a result of discussions in Cancun.

Other aid recipients were Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Indonesia, and (north)Yemen Arab Republic.

The bank, which does not charge interest under its Islamic charter is the financial arm of the 42-member Islamic Conference Organisation (ICO), also based in Jeddah.

Uranium, thorium found in Egypt

CAIRO, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Surveys conducted jointly by U.S. and Egyptian experts have revealed the existence of large deposits of uranium and thorium, both radioactive chemicals in Egypt, the Al Ahram newspaper reported today.

The authoritative newspaper said aerial surveys had uncovered seven thousand spots in which thorium and uranium deposits existed.

It said 50 such areas could be excavated for uranium and four had already been designated for extracting uranium for industrial purposes.

U.S. oil imports down 11.7%

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — The government reported yesterday that U.S. imports of crude oil and petroleum products fell 11.7 per cent in the four-week period ended Oct. 9 from the comparable period last year.

Imports averaged 5.4 million barrels a day during the period, excluding imports designated for the government's strategic petroleum reserve that holds oil as insurance against a disruption in world supplies, the department of energy said.

Also in its latest report on petroleum supplies and imports, the department said crude oil stocks stood at 379.3 million barrels Oct. 9. That's a drop of 0.7 per cent from supplies on the same date last year.

The decline in petroleum supplies is due in part to a sharp drop-off in refinery operations.

The American Petroleum Institute stated yesterday that U.S. refineries operated at 68 per cent of capacity in September, down from an operating rate of 74.1 per cent in September 1980. For the first nine months of the year, refinery utilisation has fallen 9.1 per cent, the institute said.

Gulf aides discuss industrial cooperation

BAHRAIN, Oct. 17 (R) — Experts from six Gulf oil producing states began talks in Riyadh today on ways of promoting industrial cooperation between their countries, which established the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) five months ago, the Saudi press agency reported.

The experts, who represent Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain and Qatar, will draw up recommendations for a meeting of their industry ministers scheduled for Monday, the agency said.

The ministers have been asked to discuss how to implement industrial cooperation under an agreement approved in September and regarded as the first practical step to integrate the economies of the six states.

They will submit their findings to GCC's next summit in Riyadh on November 10.

Full details of the agreement have not been disclosed, but Gulf officials have said it covers oil policy, industry, trade, finance, transport and guaranteed the free movement of people, goods and capital between the six.

Lebanon raises petrol price by 36%

BEIRUT, Oct. 17 (R) — The price of petrol in the Lebanon will go up by about 36 per cent on Monday, Lebanese Industry and Oil Minister Mohammed Beydoun said today.

He told a press conference that petrol would cost 30 pounds (\$6.6) for 20 litres, compared with 22 pounds (five dollars) at present.

The price of kerosene will also go up by 20 per cent, from 21 pounds (\$4.4) to 24 pounds (\$3.3) for 20 litres.

The minister said the move was due to a big deficit in the Lebanese fuel subsidies fund totalling about 1.65 billion pounds (\$366 million) until the end of September.

IDB to lend \$73m to 11 states

BAHRAIN, Oct. 17 (R) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank is to extend \$73.4 million in credits to 11 member states to finance development projects or to import oil, the bank said today.

The biggest allocation, \$30 million, was made for the Senegal River development project designed to benefit Mali, Mauritania and Senegal through construction of dams to boost irrigation and hydro-electric power.

South Yemen, Niger and Bangladesh received a total of \$30 million to pay for imported crude oil or refined products.

Tin price to increase by 7%

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 17 (R) — The world's major tin producers and consumers today agreed to a price increase of nearly seven per cent after three days of tough bargaining, delegates at an International Tin Council meeting (ITC) said.

The producers — Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Bolivia, Zaire, Nigeria and Australia — had originally pressed for a 12.5 per cent increase, but agreed to a compromise, they said.

After the last price rise in March last year, producers were pressing for a further increase at the meeting here because of what they said were soaring production costs.

The consumers' initial offer was a 4.5 per cent increase.

Today's agreement raises the price band for the International Tin Agreement (ITA), which aims to stabilise prices within a set range by unloading or removing tin from the market through a central buffer stock.

Delegates said that by no means all the seven producers and 22 other nations represented were pleased with the outcome, with the European Economic Community (EEC), collectively the largest consumer, still divided on the scale of the increase.

"We are not saying we are satisfied, but it was the best we could get," one producer-country delegate said.

The next meeting of the ITC, the body which regulates the international tin trade under the ITA, is set for next January.

The EEC told the conference it hoped recent speculative buying on the London and Penang tin markets, which had driven up tin prices by 20 per cent since mid-July, would not continue to jeopardise the functioning of the new price band, delegates said.

"We think that with this level of increase we have stopped such operations from being profitable," one consumer source said.

India invites bidders for oil search

NEW DELHI, Oct. 17 (R) — The government will invite fresh bids from foreign oil companies to explore restructured drilling areas in India after it signs contracts with some companies next month, Petroleum Minister Prakash Chand Sethi said yesterday.

India invited oil companies to explore 17 oilshore and 15 onshore blocks last year on a production-sharing basis.

The government expects to finalise contracts by the middle of next month with the companies that tendered, Mr. Sethi said.

But only seven or eight companies out of 35 shortlisted for oil prospecting had submitted final bids, the minister told a press conference.

Once contracts with these companies were signed next month, the government proposed to call fresh tenders and offer restructured blocks to bidders.

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English cricket tour to India still in dilemma

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Agencies) — English cricket officials today said there was no question of removing Geoff Cook and Geoff Boycott from the England party to tour India later this year. The Indian government yesterday was reported to be considering refusing admission to the two England players, both of whom have played in South Africa.

If Boycott and Cook were not allowed entry to India, England would have no option but to call off the tour.

Donald Carr, secretary to the England and County Cricket Board, said that the England team had been approved by the Indian authorities some weeks ago, but that the Commonwealth experience in Melbourne might have changed attitudes. He was against removing the

two players from the team. "I certainly cannot anticipate anything of that sort," he said. It has been rumoured here that England will attempt to organise a tour to New Zealand if the Indian tour falls through.

Geoff Cook said: "Of course I am bitterly disappointed but I am particularly sorry for cricket and for everyone this business affects. It would be a tragedy if there was a major split between the test

playing countries.

"I don't regret going to play for eastern province in South Africa. I just saw it as part of my career."

Meanwhile, an Indian government spokesman said today, he could not confirm or deny reports that England's cricket tour of India will be cancelled. "When an official decision is made known it will be officially announced," the spokesman added.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported yesterday that the tour was actually off, and the United News of India (UNI) quoted informed sources as saying it would not be allowed unless Boycott and Cook were dropped.

The government spokesman quoted as saying: "I have no instructions on this. I can neither

Ambitious China to face Kuwait to enter World Soccer Cup finals

PEKING, Oct. 17 (R) — China's ambition to appear in the World Cup Soccer finals for the first time in Spain next year will be dealt a severe blow if they fail to beat Kuwait at the Worker's Stadium here tomorrow.

China gleaned only one point from their two matches against New Zealand in the Asia-Oceania final playoff group and badly need to win tomorrow.

A crowd of 63,000 and a live television audience of 100 million are expected to watch the match in the country with the world's largest population.

Kuwait revived their hopes of going to Spain by beating New Zealand 2-1 in Auckland a week ago. They have been in Peking for five days to acclimatise to the cool autumn weather.

Hussein Youssef, the Kuwaiti team supervisor, is confident his

team can win and maintain their unbeaten record in qualifying games. They won their three preliminary group matches before beating New Zealand.

Saudi Arabia completed the final playoff group which will send two teams to Spain.

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2 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Don't bid a timid four hearts. Despite the fact that partner could do no more than make a simple raise, your hand has slam potential. If partner has the right minimum, you could easily be cold for twelve tricks. Your hand rates one move, and the obvious one is to bid two spades. If partner makes no constructive move over that effort, you can still settle for four hearts.

What action do you take?
A.—We cannot conceive of a hand where partner would bid this way without, at least, two aces. Therefore, this is a perfect hand for the Blackwood convention, since you must be safe at the five-level. Your final contract will depend entirely on how many aces partner shows in response to your inquiry, and it could be anywhere from five spades to seven spades.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠QJ7 ♥A10763 ♦Q8 ♣A104
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
4 ♣ Dble. Pass ?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J982 ♥75 ♦AK3 ♣AJ76
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—Partner's double is not intended purely as takeout—at this level it shows a good hand. If he wanted to force you to bid, he could have ventured four no trump. Certainly, you might have a slam if partner has the right hand but there is no simple way to find out. Pass. You should collect a substantial penalty from four spades doubled and you are still a heavy favorite to win the rubber.

What do you bid now?
A.—Your hand has just improved a little. While the point count might be minimum, your values are all prime, which is excellent for suit play, and you have a fourth trump. In addition, your doubleton heart in partner's "game-try" suit is another plus. We would bid four spades.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q762 ♥A1097652 ♦86 ♣86
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♥ 1 ♥ 2 ♦ 4 ♥
5 ♦ Pass 6 ♣ ?

What action do you take?
A.—Your hand is just worth a raise because of the body given it by your tens and nines—those soft values are very important for no trump play. Partner may have 9 or 10 points for his no trump response, so the combined holding could be enough for game. Invite with two no trump.

Mother rejoices as daughter wins Lynda Carter tennis semifinals

DEERFIELD BEACH, Florida, Sept. 17 (A.P.) — Third-seeded Sylvia Hanika defeated Vosc Casals and No. 4 Pam Shriver beat Anne White yesterday to reach the semifinals of the \$125,000 Lynda Carter tennis classic.

Hanika rallied from 0-3 and 2-5 deficits in the first set to stop the 33-year-old Casals 7-5, 6-4, as her mother, Luise, on a visit from West Germany, watched her play.

Shriver required only 50 minutes for a 6-2, 6-1 win over White, who turned pro only six months ago.

Top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd played 18-year-old Bonnie Gadusek and Andrea Jaeger, the No. 2 seed, faced Anne Smith in quarterfinal matches yesterday night.

Casals, leading 5-3, was within two points of winning the first set, but Hanika, who unleashed an array of passing shots, won the next four points to turn the tide. A double fault and two forehand errors by Casals gave Hanika the opportunity. Hanika went on to win two straight games and won the second set with a service break in the ninth game.

Swansea tops English First Division football match first in 57 years

LONDON, Oct. 17 (R) — Swansea today became the first Welsh club to reach the giddy heights of the top of the English First Division for 57 years.

While they were coming from behind to win 2-1 at Stoke, leaders Ipswich stumbled to a 2-1 defeat away to Everton.

Football Association (F.A.) cup holders Tottenham continued their impressive run with a 2-0 win at Sunderland which hoisted them into second spot.

But neighbours West Ham gained no reward from their afternoon's toil. Their 3-2 defeat away to champions Aston Villa cost them a 26-match unbeaten run in the league, stretching back to last December.

Former England international Bob Latchford, Swansea's bargain buy from Everton, was again the toast of the Welsh club. His 79th minute winner took Swansea's points tally to 22. Tottenham have 21 and Ipswich 20.

Swansea's hopes of elbowing Ipswich from the top looked slim when they fell a goal behind in the 35th minute. But a great second half comeback brought them goals by Stanley and Latchford.

THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson

"Write your cookbook under a pen name. That way, heartburn crazed husband's won't know how to find you."

JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MELIP
ALVAN
ANIZIN
SMURTI

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: A "O O O O O O O O O O"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: JUROR WAKEN DROPSY HIATUS
Answer: What the architect turned actor certainly knew how to do—DRAW HOUSES

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope
from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Because of planetary influences you could run into some problems of a minor nature early in the day, but conditions return to normal later. Conserve your energies.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to understand the expectations of those who have power over your affairs today. Gain more prestige in public matters.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Morning is fine for studying new interests and making plans for the future. Show more thoughtfulness for others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Finish that work you started and then be off to the fascinating activities that appeal to you. Sidestep an opponent.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can work out a difficult problem with the help of others early in the day. Plan the new week wisely.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Attend to routine chores early in the day so you'll have time for social activities later. Show others you have poise.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Daytime hours are best for being with good friends and relatives, and reserve personal duties for the evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pay more attention to family members and have more harmony at home. Make plans to have more abundance in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take those extra steps that are needed to gain your personal aims. Sidestep one who likes to impose on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to please close ties today instead of worrying about personal affairs. Engage in favorite hobby.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Daytime hours are best for handling personal matters. Schedule social activities for the coming week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care of private affairs early in the day and then join congenials at recreation you enjoy. Have a delightful time.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You need to apply yourself more to gain your personal aims at this time. Show more consideration for the one you love.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who will want to please others and will be willing to obey all rules and regulations in order to do so. Direct education along entertainment lines and service to others for best results in lifetime.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword by Martha J. De Witt

ACROSS
1 Dame
5 Quebec city
10 Smith or Bede
14 Agave
15 Armistice
16 Anatomical issue
17 Blondie's man
20 Sandra or Rudy
21 Bird of —
22 High nest
23 Malt beverage
24 Neurts
25 Rise
29 Robert Merrill, for one

33 Cherished
34 Enjoy
35 Shed
36 George Wilson's anathema
40 "30" to e reporter
41 Foot oil
42 Solar disk
43 Early noise makers
45 Cuts
47 Hatt e non-waiting duo
48 Siney
49 Nautical word
52 Caroled
53 Place to take the waters

56 Beetle's boss
60 Nastase
61 Gab
62 English river
63 Beach stuff
64 Describing an otary
65 English gallery

24 Downspout origin
25 "— Here to Eternity"
26 Kraut
27 — evil
28 Slangy affirmative
29 That money
30 Ennulate Webster
31 More agreeable
32 Barbara and Anthony
34 Look rudely
37 Eventually
38 Kind of pearl
39 Defense group
44 Put on a show
45 Went astray
46 Hence
48 Squander
49 Sale condition
50 Lugosi
51 Yeats' land
52 Headliner
53 Northern bird
54 Lapel grabber
55 To shelter
57 Mimic
58 New Deal agency
59 Nonsense

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:
ALMA MAJUNT REDE
BLAN ALLAH TIDIA
BATTING AVERABLES
BIRTI ODEI BELTERY
LEER PIANT
RECORD CARDOVAN
ADAPT MOIDS TOO
PUBE COWLS SORT
TICE INDISTY BRUTLE
DIES INWEL BELAWE
ARCS BEACH
ROSTEL INSULATE
BALLSANGSTRICKES
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WORLD

Pravda analysis criticises French socialist governmental policies

MOSCOW, Oct. 17 (R) — In the first detailed Soviet analysis of French policy under Francois Mitterrand the Communist Party newspaper Pravda today expressed grave doubts over the course followed by the Socialist president in foreign affairs.

A lengthy article by Pravda's editor-in-chief Viktor Afanasyev, who is also a high-ranking party official, indicated particular concern over Mr. Mitterrand's views on nuclear weapons in Europe. Pierre Mauroy now "rejects the policy of neutralism and in every way possible stresses their allegiance to the Atlantic alliance."

He criticised them for not condemning U.S. plans to produce the neutron weapon and said Mr. Mitterrand's attitude towards new American nuclear missiles in Europe had evoked "puzzlement".

The French socialist leaders have been among Washington's strongest supporters over planned deployment of Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Europe to

counter Soviet SS-20 rockets aimed towards the West. Hinting at Soviet fears that Mr. Mitterrand was moving France further into Washington's orbit, Mr. Afanasyev wrote: "Will the allegiance of France to the Atlantic alliance grow into Atlantism?" "This is dangerous both for France and for peace in Europe," he said.

Publication of today's article coincided with the departure of Mr. Mitterrand for the United States for a meeting with President Reagan that is expected to underline a joint stand on East-West relations and the defence of Western Europe.

At the same time Mr. Afanasyev praised the French Communist Party's policy of peaceful co-existence, international cooperation and world

It was also deeply critical of the French leader's stand on the Afghanistan question which Paris

sees as an obstacle to normal relations with Moscow.

The article clearly indicated that Moscow now feels its deep reservations of Mr. Mitterrand—hinted at before his election last May—have been fulfilled.

Mr. Afanasyev is a full member of the Soviet policy-making central committee and his article, the second in a two-part series on France under Mr. Mitterrand, clearly represented Kremlin views.

Mr. Afanasyev said that despite earlier pledges to work for the dismantling of military blocs Mr.

Mitterrand and his Prime Minister disarrangement—remarks that hinted at Moscow's regret that French Communists in government were wielding little influence over foreign policy.

The Pravda article described Mr. Mitterrand's attitude towards Israel as "rather contradictory" saying he had shown open sympathy for Israel while condemning its attack on the French-built atomic reactor in Iraq.

Mr. Afanasyev also criticised French leaders for their refusal to continue with normal relations with the Soviet Union while Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan.

Greece awaits polls to turn left or right

ATHENS, Oct. 17 (R) — Greece's Conservative government and its Socialist challengers today both forecast victory for themselves when the country

Reagan aide says missile war risks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (R) — One of President Reagan's top defence advisers has said that the administration's new nuclear defence programme made atomic war more likely.

William van Cleave, chairman of Mr. Reagan's general advisory committee on arms control, said the decision to deploy about 36 MX missiles in existing silos rather than making them mobile invited a Soviet first strike.

He told Reuters that the decision — part of a \$180 billion strategic package — left America's land-based nuclear missiles vulnerable to attack by Soviet warheads.

The Republican Party platform on which Mr. Reagan was elected pledged not to let this happen.

Under the circumstances, the powerful and highly accurate MX could be only a first-strike weapon capable of destroying Soviet warheads in a surprise launch.

Mr. van Cleave said the Reagan programme made it more likely that the United States would adopt a strategic posture known as "launch on warning" — launching its missiles after U.S. early warning satellites signal a Soviet attack, before they can be destroyed by the Soviet missiles.

He described launch on warning as a "terrible" policy because attack warning signals are often ambiguous and a president might hesitate to launch U.S. missiles until it was too late.

He said the policy also could lead to accidental nuclear war if machinery malfunctions produced false warning signals, as they have done several times in the past.

Meanwhile, U.S. Navy Secretary John Lehman has said he believed the U.S. Navy would meet its goal of expanding to 600 ships and 15 carrier groups by 1989 despite President Reagan's spending cuts.

Mr. Lehman said Pentagon budget cuts of \$13 billion dollars next year and \$27 billion dollars over three years were large and meant the navy would have to drop some non-essentials.

votes in general elections tomorrow.

The outcome could affect Greek membership of NATO and the European Common Market (EEC).

The opposition Socialist Party (PASOK) of Prof. Andreas Papandreu has called for Greece to withdraw from NATO's military wing and to vote in a referendum on whether to stay in the EEC.

Campaigning ended last night when a woman was injured by a bomb which exploded under the car of PASOK deputy leader Ionnis Alevras.

Opinion polls published by newspapers supporting Prime Minister George Rallis's New Democratic Party said it had a lead of eight per cent over PASOK.

Opposition newspapers gave the Socialists 68 per cent of the vote and 180 of the 300 seats in parliament compared with 35 per cent for New Democracy.

In the previous parliament, New Democracy had 177 seats and PASOK 94.

Also at stake are 24 seats in the European parliament.

Thatcher sticks to monetarism

BLACKPOOL, Oct. 17 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yielded nothing to her critics in the ruling Conservative Party, commentators agreed today as they summed up after the party's annual conference here. But they differed over what this indicates.

Britain's leading business daily the Financial Times said she "made no attempt to bring the party together" and predicted: "Mrs. Thatcher's days as leader of the Tory Party are now numbered. Either she takes her cabinet seriously or some of them will begin to talk of deposition."

It named Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, leader of the House of Commons Francis Pym, Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine and Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior as those against her.

Mrs. Thatcher is half way through a five-year term with her popularity in the country at an all time low. But she said in a key note address on the final day of the conference yesterday that she will not turn back from tight money policies which party dissidents say spell electoral defeat.

Among these causes of unemployment were huge wage increases unmatched by higher output, restrictive trade union practices, overmanning, strikes, indifferent management and "the

Nancy Reagan in fancy dress



This 1981 Alfred Gescheidt/1981 The American Postcard Co. Inc., postcard shows Nancy Reagan as a queen.

El Salvador factions ready for talks, U.S. senator claims

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (R) — A U.S. senator has said that both prominent Christian Democrats in the El Salvador government and anti-government guerrilla leaders were willing to hold informal talks with no preconditions.

Sen. Christopher Dodd told a press conference that during his three-day visit to El Salvador and Mexico this week both sides gave him commitments to hold such a dialogue.

But the Connecticut Democrat said the dialogue could develop only if the United States used its influence to persuade El Salvador's military leaders not to block it.

"The Christian Democrats as well as the guerrillas are frightened as to what the reaction of the military would be if such conversations were to commence. And it becomes at this point this administration's responsibility to exercise leverage on the military ... to allow that dialogue to proceed," he said.

Salvador's President Jose Napoleon Duarte has previously said he would talk with guerrilla leaders about arrangements for national elections only if they first laid down their arms.

The State Department had no immediate comment on Mr. Dodd's remarks.

Rev. Moon guilty of tax-evasion

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 (R) — The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean Evangelist whose two million-strong Unification Church has stirred controversy around the world, has been indicted by the U.S. government on tax evasion charges. The Rev. Moon, 61, was accused by a federal grand jury here of failing to report \$112,000 interest from bank accounts between 1973 and 1975 and also failing to report income from stocks.

Zimbabwe restricts movements of diplomats

SALISBURY, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Zimbabwe has ordered restrictions on the movement of diplomats and the size of embassies and consulates, it was disclosed here today.

The 60 diplomatic missions were informed by the foreign affairs ministry of the curbs yesterday, diplomats who requested anonymity told the Associated Press.

There was no official explanation for the moves and no official comment from the government.

Diplomats said that they were told they would in future have to seek authority from ministry 48 hours before moving beyond a 48 kilometre radius of Salisbury, the Zimbabwe capital.

They were also instructed to limit embassies and consulates to a maximum staff of 20 diplomats, although this ceiling was said to be "negotiable."

The restrictions were ordered on a day when the 17-month socialist government published emergency powers enabling the minister of home affairs, Richard Hove, to ban political meetings.

Mr. Hove told journalists the previous day the government was alarmed at a recent upsurge in political activity by opposition minority politicians and what he termed "near-subversive" statements against the government.

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, who led the former white-ruled British colony of Rhodesia to independence as black-governed Zimbabwe April 18 last year, has threatened to "punish" opposition leaders guilty of "subversion."

He has also warned he might have to detain his predecessor, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, for alleged links with anti-government saboteurs being trained in neighbouring white-ruled South Africa — a charge the bishop has repeatedly denied.

Dutch queen appoints two mediators

THE HAGUE, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — Queen Beatrix today appointed two economy professors, to mediate in the Dutch government crisis.

The two mediators, Prof. Willem de Galan and Prof. Victor Halberstadt, were given the task of getting the administration back on track again.

Earlier, the queen had received former labour finance minister Willem Duisenberg and asked him for the job. But Mr. Duisenberg, declined because it would conflict with his new functions as president of the Dutch central bank.

60 trapped miners feared dead in Japan

YUBARI, Japan, Oct. 17 (R) — Poisonous gas, fire and dense smoke today stopped rescuers reaching the bodies of 60 men trapped 650 metres underground in a mine disaster.

Thirty three bodies have already been recovered from the coal mine near Sapporo on Hokkaido Island in northern Japan.

The dead include 10 rescuers who went into the mine after it filled with methane gas yesterday. Conditions inside the privately-owned mine foiled two attempts to reach the missing miners today.

A company spokesman said they could not be saved. "I am very, very sorry but I have to admit there is no hope for any more survivors," he told sobbing relatives.

Greek community in Turkey on the wane

ISTANBUL, Oct. 17 (R) — While Greece votes in a general election tomorrow, a handful of elderly Greeks will gather for worship as usual in the gloomy, coal-lined church of St. George in Istanbul.

The church is attached to the orthodox patriarchate, a shabby complex tucked away in the upper reaches of the Golden Horn waterway between shipyards, warehouses and slums.

The faithful who regularly attend the Sunday service belong to the dwindling Greek minority in Turkey, a small part of the 200 million Eastern Orthodox Christian community whose spiritual leader, Patriarch Dimitrios I, is based here.

Community members, who have known hard times among the Turks in the past, say they do not really care who wins the Greek election as long as it does not harm the climate of comparative goodwill now extending across the Aegean Sea.

When bilateral relations are good, there is no tension here, they say. But when relations are disturbed anything can happen.

Greeks and Turks lived side-by-side for centuries under the Ottoman empire in Anatolia, the Balkans, the Aegean Islands, Cyprus and Crete after Turkish tribes spread in from the East into areas which were once home to the ancient Greeks.

Their different religions and cultures — the Byzantine Orthodox Christianity of the Greeks and the Oriental Islamic traditions of the Turks — made them uncomfortable neighbours. This century they finally split into separate, often hostile, camps.

Most of the Greeks quit Turkish soil as part of population exchanges after World War one, when Greek and Turkish armies were at each other's throats.

Hostility between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots, which erupted in the 1950s and 1960s provoked anti-Greek riots in Istanbul, driving thousands of Greeks to emigrate. At the height of the Cyprus fighting in 1964 Turkey expelled 12,000 Greek nationals.

A steady trickle of Greek emigrants still leave as church and community leaders complain of discrimination by Turkish bureau-

cracy.

Church officials pointed to the imposition of taxes on Greek community schools, churches and welfare associations, a measure also applied to Jewish and Armenian communities.

Although the Turkish government promised to remove the taxes three years ago, it had still not done so, they said.

The six Greek high schools and 14 priory schools in Istanbul, home for most Greeks in Turkey, are closely supervised by the Turkish education ministry.

The schools must have a Turkish deputy headmaster appointed by local education authorities and lessons must be held in Turkish.

The 67-year-old Patriarch Dimitrios I was chosen for the office in 1972 although he was a junior bishop. The Turkish government exercised its traditional power and vetoed the more senior candidates, the officials said.

The Turkish population is now 99 per cent Muslim and in recent years Islamic Fundamentalist youth groups, now banned by Turkey's military rulers, have demanded the expulsion of the Patriarch from Turkey.

Several groups have demonstrated outside the patriarchate and more than once broke into the courtyard and damaged property. But church officials insist that their headquarters will not move from Turkey.

The patriarchate of Constantinople (the old name for Istanbul) has traditionally been "first among equals" of the many national and independent Eastern Orthodox Churches around the world.

Other elderly Greeks have no desire to leave Turkey. "I will never leave," says Stefan Papadopoulos, 58, editor of the newspaper Apoyevmaini (Afternoon).

Like many Greek establishments the newspaper's fortunes have declined. Its Greek circulation, which was 18,000 when it first appeared 58 years ago, is now 1,500. But many of the Greeks who remain are professionals and businessmen.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bruno Kreisky won't attend Cancun

VIENNA, Oct. 17 (R) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has cancelled plans to attend the North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico, upon the advice of his doctors, his private secretary has announced. The secretary, Wolfgang Petritsch, said the doctors had recommended the cancellation because the chancellor had been suffering from bronchitis for two weeks and had been treated with antibiotics. The change to a sub-tropical climate and the higher altitude of Cancun would be too strenuous for the 70-year-old chancellor, they said. Dr. Kreisky, who was to have co-chaired the North-South summit with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, will be substituted by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Mr. Petritsch said. The Austrian delegation would now be headed by Foreign Minister Wilfried Pahr.

U.S., Brazil talk on uranium supplies

BRASILIA, Oct. 17 (R) — The United States and Brazil have come to a "satisfactory understanding" on the supply of enriched uranium for Brazil's nuclear power programme, a foreign ministry spokesman has said. The spokesman, who gave no further details, said the understanding was reached during talks Friday between U.S. Vice-president George Bush and interim Brazilian President Aureliano Chaves. The U.S. agreed to supply enriched uranium for the first Brazilian nuclear reactor in the early 1970s, but legislation was later imposed limiting the supply to foreign countries as part of a nuclear non-proliferation policy. However, diplomatic sources in Brasilia said the U.S. negotiations on the supply of enriched uranium to other countries could be changed within 12 months, Brazil has not signed the non-proliferation treaty.

France rejects torture allegations

PARIS, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — The French government has "most categorically rejected" accusations that four Armenian terrorists arrested after seizing the Turkish consulate in Paris had been tortured, a spokesman of the external relations ministry said. The spokesman, who declined to be named, was replying to questions after issuing a statement following accusations from the underground Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) in Beirut that the French government had "broken its promises" made when the terrorists surrendered early Sept. 25. ASALA warned it would "strike hard" against France because of the alleged torture. The ministry spokesman said that the government "made no promises during the negotiations" to end the siege.

Judges withdraw from Turkes trial

ANKARA, Oct. 17 (R) — The trial of extreme right-wing politician Alpaslan Turkes, charged with trying to set up a dictatorship, was adjourned here yesterday after two of the three military judges resigned. The judges withdrew from the case Friday after two days of stormy courtroom rows which also involved the military prosecutor and defence attorneys. Legal sources said the military court of appeals was considering what action to take to restart proceedings, which involve 301 defendants, 220 of whom, including Mr. Turkes, are on trial for their lives. Mr. Turkes, a 64-year-old ex-colonel, was deputy prime minister twice in the 1970s when his extreme right-wing Nationalist Movement Party (NMP) held the balance of power. He and other NMP leaders are accused of establishing armed youth wings to overthrow the state of force.

Khmer Rouge claims ambush of Soviets

BANGKOK, Oct. 17 (A.P.) — The ousted Khmer Rouge regime has claimed its guerrillas killed or wounded Soviet advisers in a recent ambush along Cambodia's Highway Four which links the capital of Phnom Penh with the country's major seaport. The radio report, monitored in Bangkok, said four vehicles carrying the Soviet advisers were burned. It claimed that among the dead was a major of the Soviet army.

Science gets around to Arthur C. Clarke

By Granville Watson

COLOMBO — Space exploration caught up with Arthur C. Clarke, the doyen of science fiction writers.

The British-born author, who lives in Sri Lanka, is writing a sequel to his hit film "2001: A Space Odyssey" and is avidly following the achievements of the U.S. spacecraft Voyager II to Saturn and beyond.

"In the film story 2001 we went to Saturn and I never dreamed that within 12 years a spacecraft would be there in reality," Mr. Clarke told Reuters.

Mr. Clarke said he had received a million-dollar advance for the sequel to "2001" which he hopes to have completed next year. He thought it was a record amount for science fiction.

"I am working night and day on the new book," said the author, who is also scientist and inventor.

While working as a radar officer with the British Royal Air Force in World War II he dreamed of the possibility of a space communications satellite orbiting the earth.

He set out the idea in an article for a science magazine but failed to copyright it and reckons he thereby lost a billion dollars.

But Mr. Clarke is not doing too bad despite that mistake.

He has written more than 50 books which have sold 20 million copies in 30 languages, and now lives the life of a patrician, courted by NASA space scientists, publishers and film-makers.

American director Stanley Kubrick, who made the film version of 2001, was a prime mover in getting Mr. Clarke to write the sequel.

"He said you've got to write the book or else. I sent him an outline, and suddenly I realised I wanted to write it," Mr. Clarke said.

Coming to Sri Lanka more than 2 years ago in search of good underwater diving, he decided to stay.

"I like to relax and enjoy myself," he explained.

"Mr. Clarke was giving away no secrets about his new work. 'I don't like talking about things before I write about them,'" he said.

Mr. Clarke has a laboratory and library in his large Colombo house which would be the envy of any scientist.

On the spacious lawns he has his own small hovercraft to ferry his guest around.

Before television came to Sri Lanka several years ago, Mr. Clarke was the only citizen to receive T.V. pictures from neighbouring India, an arrangement made by a grateful Indian government which set up special antennae in his garden so he could receive Indian T.V. programmes.

It was the Indian government's way of thanking him for helping to set up experiments for beaming satellite T.V. programmes to Indian villages.

How does Mr. Clarke visualise man's future in space?

"I see the world as the hub of a wheel with people living on spokes of the wheel," he says. "People will move to the planets on a kind of moving staircase."

Then Mr. Clarke played three notes on the piano with one finger — the notes from the theme music of 2001.